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1. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT --

THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATION OF ITS 13 SEATS ON THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 1978 SPECIAL GA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT: US, UK, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, FRG, ITALY, NORWAY, SPAIN, SWEDEN AND TURKEY. IN BEHIND-THE-SCENES NEGOTIATIONS, NETHERLANDS WITHDREW IN FAVOR OF BELGIUM AND ITALY, AND FINLAND WITHDREW IN FAVOR OF NORWAY AND SWEDEN. ALL OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS EXCEPT EAST EUROPEANS HAVE NOW SELECTED THEIR SLATES. EAST EUROPEANS ARE STILL HOLDING OUT FOR AN INCREASE OF THEIR ALLOCATION FROM SIX TO EIGHT SEATS, BUT ASIAN, AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN GROUPS ARE HOLDING FIRM SO FAR AGAINST SOVIET EFFORTS TO ALTER ALLOCATION AMONG REGIONAL GROUPS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 219)

2. WEO CANDIDATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION --

AS OF NOW THERE ARE SEVEN WEO CANDIDATES (FRANCE, FRG, PORTUGAL, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA AND US) FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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ELECTION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AT ECOSOC'S SPRING SESSION. IF THE WEO GROUP IS UNABLE TO AGREE ON A SLATE OF THREE CANDIDATES, THE SELECTION WILL BE MADE BY SECRET BALLOT IN ECOSOC. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 209)

3. UNDP ACCUMULATED NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES --

IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL TURNED DOWN BOTH ASPECTS OF THE US PROPOSAL ON NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES, I.E., PROPOSED PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND CURRENCY SWAP TO BENEFIT LDC'S DIRECTLY. NORRIS (US) ASKED WHETHER THE USSR WOULD BE AMENABLE TO GOVERNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS FINANCED BY NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES TO ENSURE PRIVILEGE WAS NOT ACCORDED IN AN EFFORT TO USE THOSE CURRENCIES, AND LISSOVE (USSR) PROMISED TO CHECK ON IT AND DISCUSS IT AGAIN WITH USDEL. EARLIER, LISSOV REITERATED THE SOVIET POSITION THAT RUBLES CANNOT BE PURCHASED, SOLD

OR SUBSTITUTED, AND SAID: THE US PROPOSAL WOULD CONTRAVENE THE SOVIET LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT THE SOVIET CONTRIBUTION MUST BE USED FOR DIRECT REPEAT DIRECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND SOVIET CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE USED FOR IPF EXPENDITURES AND MUST GO FOR GLOBAL, REGIONAL OR INTER-REGIONAL PROJECTS. HE HOPED WE WOULD NOT GIVE THE SOVIETS AN ULTIMATUM ON THIS QUESTION IN UNDP BECAUSE IF THE SOVIETS WERE PUSHED TOO HARD IT COULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH UNDP. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 208)

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4. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL --

UNDP DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROGRAM INTRODUCED IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL JAN. 25 UNDP'S SECOND FIVE-YEAR CYCLE
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OF COUNTRY-LEVEL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ACTIVITIES. FURTHER DETAILS OF PLANS FOR DEPLOYING SOME \$603 MILLION IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES FOR 1977-81 WERE PROVIDED BY UNDP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATORS, AND JAN. 26 THE GC BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC PLANS FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES.

5. BENIN REQUESTS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING --

UN CIRCULATED THE TEXT OF BENIN CHARGE'S LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT (S/12278) REQUESTING AN SC MEETING TO DISCUSS "THE COWARDLY AND BARBAROUS AGGRESSION COMMITTED BY THE IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR MERCENAIRES AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN" ON JAN. 16.

6. SECURITY COUNCIL CANDIDACIES --

NIGER AND NIGERIA HAVE BOTH ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACIES FOR THE TWO AFRICAN SEATS ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE 1978-79 TERM. (USUN 220)

7. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR TCDC CONFERENCE --

DISCUSSION IN THE WORKING GROUP CONSIDERING PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC) WAS DETAILED AND INTENSE BUT NOT CONTENTIOUS, WITH THE ADVANCED LDC'S (ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, INDIA, YUGOSLAVIA) SEEKING THE BROADEST COMMITMENT TO TCDC AND THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (CANADA, FRG, FINLAND, NETHERLANDS, UK AND US) INSISTING UPON THE GREATEST DEGREE OF RATIONALITY IN APPROACH AND PLANNING FOR THE CONFERENCE. THE INTENSIVE PRESSURE

FROM THE ADVANCED LDC'S (NOTABLY ARGENTINA AND
YUGOSLAVIA) WHICH RESULTED IN MEETINGS LASTING UNTIL MIDNIGHT
AND 8:25 P.M. RESPECTIVELY ON THE FINAL
TWO DAYS WAS MATCHED BY THE PERVASIVE SKEPTICISM DISPLAYED
BY THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS. THE WEST SUCCEEDED IN STAVING OFF
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A CONCERTED SOVIET BLOC/ETHIOPIAN EFFORT TO INCLUDE
SPECIFIC MENTION OF STATE SERVICES AS PART OF NATIONAL
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO PROMOTE TCDC. THE ETHIOPIAN
DELEGATE PROVED MORE TENACIOUS THAN THOSE FROM THE USSR
BY RAISING IT ONCE AS LATE AS MIDNIGHT. (USUN 211)

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